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The verse states at the end, 'And Allah is Ever All Knower, All Wise'. It means that Allah is fully aware, and Has complete and perfect knowledge of the varying states/conditions of His entire creation, and He is full of wisdom in all His actions, decrees and situations that He places on them.

Surah Al Fath states in verse 5:

## 5. That He may admit the believing men and the believing women to Gardens under which rivers flow (i.e. Paradise), to abide therein forever, and to expiate from them their sins, and that is with Allah, a supreme success,

In this verse, Allah announces glad tidings to the believing men and women that He will admit them into gardens of Paradise where they will live forever, and He will also pardon/forgive them for their sins which they have committed in the worldly life. This, He regards as a very great success and victory for the believers.

Regarding the revelation of the above verse, Anas bin Malik (R.A) narrates that after concluding the peace treaty at Hudaibiyah, the Muslims were returning to Madinah in grief because they were unable to perform the Umrah they had set out to perform. When the opening verses of Surah Al Fath were revealed, the Prophet (\*) said to the companions, 'Such a verse has been revealed to me, which is more beloved to me than the entire world. He then recited,

1. Verily, We have given you (O Muhammad) a manifest victory. 2. That Allah may forgive you your sins of the past and the future, and complete His Favour on you, and guide you on the Straight Path;

Thereupon, the companions said, 'Congratulations to you O Messenger of Allah. This is glad tidings for you, but what is for us?' Upon this, Allah revealed verse 5 of Surah Fath which states: 'That He may admit the believing men and the believing women to Gardens under which rivers flow (i.e. Paradise), to abide therein forever, and to expiate from them their sins, and that is with Allah, a supreme success', (Sahih Al Bukhari Hadith No. 4172; Sahih Muslim Hadith No. 1786; Jami At Tirmidhi Hadith No. 3263 - Tafseer Ibn Katheer vol.5 pg. 548 Dar Al Kitab Al Arabi, Beirut 2013)

While explaining the connection between the above verses (4 and 5), some commentators have stated that these verses show that Allah has sent down 'As Sakinah' into the hearts of the believers so that their Imaan (faith) would be increased. Then, the increase in their Imaan would cause them to grow in Taqwa and righteous deeds, which will then be the reason for their entry into Paradise.

Some exegetes have also stated that verse 5 has a direct connection to verses 1 and 2. The message which is given in these verses is that Allah has promised the Prophet (\*) and the believers a manifest victory by saying, 'Verily, We have given you a manifest victory'. Then, part of that manifest victory to the Prophet (\*) is that Allah will forgive all his shortcomings (past and future), and will complete His favors upon him, while keeping him guided on the straight path. This is clearly mentioned in verse 2, which states: 'That Allah may forgive you your sins of the past and the future, and complete His Favour on you, and guide you on the Straight Path'.

After this, Allah announces that part of that manifest victory, which will come to the companions of the Prophet (\*), is that He will admit them into gardens of Paradise and forgive all their sins which they committed in their lives. About this, Allah states in verse 5: 'That He may admit the believing men and the believing women to Gardens under which rivers flow (i.e. Paradise), to abide therein forever, and to expiate from them their sins, and that is with Allah, a supreme success'.

Surah Al Fath states in verse 6:

6. And that He may punish the Munâfiqûn (hypocrites), men and women, and also the Mushrikûn men and women, who think evil thoughts about Allah, for them is a disgraceful torment, and the Anger of Allah is upon them, and He has cursed them and prepared Hell for them, and worst indeed is that destination.

Having established victory for the Prophet (\*) and the believers in the previous verses, here, Allah makes it evident that He will punish the hypocrites (Munafiquen) and the polytheists (Mushrikeen) for

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their wicked and evil actions. Commentators of the Holy Quran have stated that when the Muslims were blocked at Hudaibiyah and were prevented from entering Makkah to perform Umrah, they did not retaliate nor did they lose faith in Islam. Instead, they became fully obedient to Allah and His Messenger (\*) and carried out the instructions given to them by the Prophet (\*). When the Munafiqeen (hypocrites) and Mushrikeen (polytheists) saw this, they began to criticize and condemn Islam. They taunted the believers and angered them, and entertained evil thoughts about Allah. For this reason, Allah revealed in the above verse that He will punish both these groups and send His curse upon them.

The verse states that Allah will punish the hypocrites and polytheists, both males and females, for their wicked actions and also for the 'evil thoughts they had about Allah'. With respect to what evil thoughts they had about Allah, the commentators have stated that they thought that Allah would not help the Prophet (\*) and the believers, and that the polytheists will attack the believers with such force that the Muslims would be destroyed and the Prophet (\*) along with the Muslims would not be able to return to Madinah from Hudaibiyah.

The verse further states, 'for them is a disgraceful torment'. It means that an evil calamity and a humiliating punishment shall befall the hypocrites and polytheists in this world and the hereafter. In this world, they will suffer a humiliating defeat at battles where they will either be killed or taken as prisoners of war, and in the hereafter, they will be thrown into the blazing fire of Hell.

The verse concludes by saying that in addition to the humiliating punishment, they will also suffer from Allah's curse and anger which shall be upon them permanently, and they will be made to enter the Hellfire, the worst of all destinations, which has been prepared for them.

Surah Al Fath states in verse 7:

## 7. And to Allah belong the hosts of the heavens and the earth. And Allah is Ever All-Knower, All-Wise.

The verse explains that all the armies and troops of all the different creations in the heavens and earth belong solely to Allah. He alone has full authority and power over them. As such, He can use any of His army from His creations to defend His prophet and His servants, and no one can overpower His army. Therefore, if Allah wishes to destroy the hypocrites and the polytheists, He can use any of His troops to do so, and they will not be able to defend themselves against Him.

The verse concludes by saying, 'And Allah is Mighty and Wise'. It means that Allah is All Powerful, the Mighty, the Dominant over everyone and everything. No one can escape Him when He wishes to punish them, and no one can fight against Him. He is also 'the Wise', and so, every action of His and each of His decree is filled with wisdom.